

country and his passion for being a positive and thoughtful force throughout his long and colorful life, including his work as a councilmember, his 33-year career with CalTrans, and his service in the United States Air Force. I join the people of Morro Bay in thanking Red Davis for his service to his community, his state, and his Nation.

Prior to being elected to the Morro Bay City Council, Red served on a variety of City ad hoc committees, including the General Plan Advisory Committee, and volunteered for numerous community organizations including the Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce, Friends of the Morro Bay Library and Bike SLO County. Red began his service as Councilmember in 2017 and won a second four-year term in November 2020. Councilmember Davis was instrumental, along with his Council colleagues, in moving forward the Water Reclamation Facility, stabilizing and improving the City's financial condition, offshore wind energy, and enhancing communication with the community. I know from personal experience how important local leaders are in our nation, and Red was instrumental in helping guide his community and region through our recent difficult times.

Red retired from CalTrans in 1996 as a project manager, after 33 years of service, and proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force, retiring as Senior Master Sergeant.

Those who knew Red well have commented on how he worked tirelessly to advance and improve the quality of life for the entire Morro Bay community. Red's strong work ethic, his clear style of communication, and his genuine care for the environment and the people of Morro Bay's citizens, businesses, and environment allowed him to make a positive and lasting impact on the City. Many have commented on Red's kindness, compassion, and his generosity. It is clear Red will be missed as well as remembered for many years to come.

As passionate cyclists, Red and his wife Gail found the time and energy to share their enthusiasm with the community. Red served as president of the San Luis Obispo Bike Club for eight years, chaired the Morro Bay Citizens Bike Committee and the County Bicycle Advisory Committee, and was a founding member and vice president of Bike SLO County. In 2015 the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors honored Red for service to the local bicycling community by designating the Los Osos Valley Road bike lanes between Foothill Boulevard and South Bay Boulevard as the "Red Davis Bikeway."

Madam Speaker, I ask you, and our colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives, to join me in recognizing Red for his service to his community and our Nation, and in offering our condolences to Red's wife Gail, his daughter Catherine Sullivan, son-in-law Pat, and Red's granddaughters, and to all those in Morro Bay and beyond who know and love Red. I thank Red.

RECOGNIZING THE HISTORICAL ACHIEVEMENT OF FIVE BLACK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the historical achieve-

ment of the five black commissioners serving on the Miami-Dade County Board of Commissioners.

For the first time in its 185-year history, the citizens of Miami-Dade County are being represented by five black County Commissioners. This achievement is held by Vice Chairman Oliver Gilbert, III, Commissioners Jean Monestime, Keon Hardemon, Danielle Cohen Higgins, and Kionne McGhee.

Vice-Chairman Oliver Gilbert III representing District 1 is a seasoned attorney that comes to the Board of County Commissioners after serving his hometown of Miami Gardens as its two-term mayor. He is a true advocate for the youth and the economic development of his community. He served formerly as the president of the African American mayors Association, and also held a seat on the board of directors of several boards, including the National League of Cities.

Commissioner Jean Monestime representing District 2 is the first Haitian American to represent the Board of County Commissioners after being elected in 2010. In 2014, he was unanimously chosen to serve as Chairman of the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners for two years. He is a former City of North Miami Councilman and Vice-Mayor. Commissioner Monestime is an advocate for equal justice.

Commissioner Keon Hardemon representing District 3 is a Miami native. He holds tight the values that his family instilled in him: education, integrity, and most importantly service to the community. Prior to joining the Board of County Commissioners, Commissioner Hardemon served as a City of Miami Commissioner. In addition, he served as the Chairman of the Southeast Overtown and Park West Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). He also served as a Miami-Dade County Assistant Public Defender where he represented hundreds of clients from the Miami-Dade County Community.

Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins representing District 8 is the daughter of Jamaican immigrants, an attorney, and a small business owner. She is the first of her family to graduate from college and went on to graduate from law school. Commissioner Higgins is dedicated to serving small businesses and environmental sustainability measures.

Commissioner Kionne McGhee representing District 9 is a South Dade native coming to the Board of County Commissioners from the Florida House of Representatives where he recently served as the Minority Leader. Commissioner McGhee is also an accomplished attorney and author.

This historic group of commissioners bring with them experience, political and governmental acumen, passion, and an abundance of commitment towards improving the lives of Miami-Dade County residents. The foundation laid by their predecessors Earl Carroll (1968–1972), Edward T. Graham (1972–1975), Neal F. Adams (1975–1979), Barbara Carey-Shuler (1979–1990 & 1996–2005), Arthur E. Teele, Jr. (1990–1996), James Burke (1990–1998), Betty T. Ferguson (1993–2000), Dorrin D. Rolle (1998–2006), Dennis C. Moss (1993–2020), Barbara J. Jordan (2004–2020), and Audrey M. Edmonson (2005–2020) ensures a brighter future for all of Miami-Dade County.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues and all Americans to please join me in recognizing

these Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners for their contributions and for their commitment to the diverse citizens of our community, state and country.

HONORING AIDAN O'BRIEN CHINN

HON. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Aidan O'Brien Chinn for earning the rank of Eagle Scout in Troop 268 of Clermont, FL. Eagle Scout is the highest honor a Boy Scout can earn and only four percent achieve it. This honor requires years of effort to develop the necessary leadership, service, and outdoor skills. To earn it, Aidan organized a team of 12 volunteers to restore a hurricane-damaged greenhouse that provides community food assistance. The leadership skills he has learned through the Boy Scouts already benefit our community and will continue to help in countless ways. Aidan began scouting as a Cub Scout in 2012 and recently served his troop as Senior Patrol leader. This fall, Aidan plans to continue his education at Rollins College.

On behalf of the Fifteenth Congressional District of Florida, congratulations again to Aidan O'Brien Chinn for becoming an Eagle Scout. We are proud of his continued success and thank him for his dedication to making our community a better place.

1ST CAVALRY DIVISION 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROGER WILLIAMS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the 1st Cavalry Division.

Formed in 1921, the division is based at Fort Hood, Texas, which I am proud to represent in Congress.

This 1st Cavalry division is unique in that they have worn many hats over the years—they have served in cavalry, infantry, assault, and armored capacities.

The honorable men and women of the 1st Cav have served in many of our nation's wars; World War II, the Korean War, the Persian Gulf, Iraq, and in Afghanistan—and they have exhibited extraordinary grit and an unwavering commitment to duty above self.

In all that they do, they have honorably answered the call to serve our country and defend freedom and liberty around the world.

It is my great honor to recognize their contributions and thank them for their 100 years of enduring service, duty, patriotism, and bravery.

In God we trust.